

**DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT GARMENT
WITH CURVED SIDE SEAMS**

ABSTRACT

An absorbent article is provided that comprises a main body having a first main body waist portion, a second main body waist portion and a central main body portion disposed between the first and second main body waist portions. The main body has orthogonal longitudinal and lateral axes. The absorbent article further comprises a pair of elastic side panels each connecting the first main body waist portion to the second main body waist portion. The main body and the side panels collectively define a waist opening edge surrounding a waist opening and two leg opening edges, each leg opening edge surrounding a leg opening. Each elastic side panel is formed from a first side portion that extends laterally outward from the first main body waist portion and terminates in a first outer lateral side panel edge. The side panel is also formed from a second side portion that extends laterally outward from the second main body waist portion and terminates in a second outer lateral side panel edge. The first side portion is attached to the second side portion by a side seam. At least a portion of the side seam is curved when the first and second side portions are in a fully stretched condition.